

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday December 15th 2002**

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## **WEIC & WAI**

Many Amateurs in North America are collecting Irish counties for the WEIC and WAI awards. Many are finding this difficult. Counties needed include; Carlow, Clare, Kilkenny, Laois, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Sligo, Tipperary, Waterford, Westmeath and Wexford.

It would be appreciated if amateurs from any of these counties could join in the Irish hour, on 21.317 Sundays at 17.00 UTC.

Many Americans have made contact with Irish amateurs but have not received a QSL in return, so make an effort to help out, and come up on the Irish Hour. If you owe someone a QSL please send it now.

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## **Mayo Radio Experimenters Network**

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network have announced Saturday December the 21st as the date for their annual Christmas Dinner. The venue is The Clew Bay Hotel, Westport. The club regularly meets in a private room at Stensons of Ballyvary on the N5 and the meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

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## **Contest & DX News**

6F1LM will be QRV until December the 31st from Mexico for the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the FMRE (Federacion Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores).

To celebrate the first year of the Foundation Licence in the UK it is proposed to hold a 'QSO Party' to which all M3s are invited. The event will take place on the 1st of January on 40 metres at 1000 and 1500 UTC.

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## **Rockabill Island**

Rockabill Island, lighthouse and WAI square O36, Co. Dublin was activated by Daniel EJ9FHB on Thursday the 5th of December last on 2 metres and 70 cm. He worked many stations and was much in demand from WAI hunters, Island hunters and lighthouse collectors. There were reports of some WAI activists driving up high in the Wicklow mountains to get him. Daniel took video shots which will be popular with his club SDR and on ATV.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

The SDR Christmas Party takes place on Tuesday next, 17th December, at 8.00 p.m. in "The Morgue" - also known as the Templeogue Inn, and as usual visitors are very welcome to attend. The usual Tuesday night meeting in the Ballyroan Community Centre will not, of course, take place that night.

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### **Digital Radio**

Two radio communications pioneers recently achieved breakthrough in digital voice communication on amateur radio by carrying out a digital HF QSO across the Atlantic. Didier Chulot, F5MJN and Doug Smith, KF6DX, successfully transmitted and received HF digital speech signals between France and the USA. The digital link operated within a 3 kHz bandwidth on 21.218 MHz. This demonstrated noise-free, FM-like reception and the potential for simultaneous voice and data. A written report on the tests is due in January, 2003.

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### **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

Due to renovations in Raheen House Hotel early in the new year the Venue for the next monthly meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group has been changed to the Princess Bar Upper Irishtown, Clonmel on Thursday the 9th of January 2003. The Group would also like to remind those wishing to attend the Christmas Dinner on Saturday 21st December in Raheen House Hotel to tell Ron at 052 21654 so that numbers can be finalised.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The night classes will continue at the Park House, Parnell Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford at 7.15 p.m. on Monday nights until the 23rd of December.

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